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What is claimed is:

1. A reciprocating compressor comprising:

a piston which reciprocates in a cylinder by receiving a driving force of a reciprocating motor and has a gas suction path therein;

a suction valve mounted at an end surface of the piston to control flow of taken in gas through the suction path;

a valve assembly having a discharge cover engaged to one side of the cylinder, a discharge valve installed at an end portion of the cylinder to control gas discharge of a compression space formed by the cylinder and the piston, and a valve spring that elastically supports the discharge valve; and

a suction valve fixing member engaged to a frontal surface of the piston to receive the suction valve for back and forth movement.

- 2. The compressor of claim 1, wherein the suction valve opens the suction path at the time when gas is taken in and closes the suction path at the time when gas is compressed.
- 3. The compressor of claim 1, wherein the suction valve is provided with supporting surfaces at the outer circumference thereof, and suction surfaces that pass gas are formed between the supporting surfaces.
- 4. The compressor of claim 3, wherein the suction valve is composed of a thin plate.

- 5. The compressor of claim 1, wherein the suction valve fixing member is provided with a through hole connected to the suction path at a center of the frontal surface of the fixing member suction valve.
- 6. The compressor of claim 5, wherein a protrusion surface is formed at a center of the rear surface of the discharge valve to correspond to the through hole.
- 7. The compressor of claim 1, wherein the suction valve fixing member has a cylindrical shape.
 - 8. The compressor of claim 1, wherein the suction valve fixing member is forcibly fit onto a frontal side of the piston.
- 9. The compressor of claim 1, wherein a female screw is formed at the inner circumferential surface of the suction valve fixing member and a male screw is formed in front of the piston.
- 10. The compressor of claim 1, wherein the suction valve fixing member comprises a cylindrical body engaged to the piston, and a stopping portion extending transversely from an end portion of the body to restrict the movement of the suction valve.

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11. A reciprocating compressor comprising:

a piston which reciprocates in a cylinder by receiving a driving force of a reciprocating motor and has a gas suction path therein;

a suction valve mounted at an end surface of the piston to control flow of taken in gas through the suction path;

a valve assembly having a discharge cover engaged to one side of the cylinder, a discharge valve installed at an end portion of the cylinder to control gas discharge of a compression space formed by the cylinder and the piston, and a valve spring that elastically supports the discharge valve;

a round head rivet that fixes the suction valve to the piston; and

an insertion groove formed at the rear surface of the discharge valve to receive the round head rivet.